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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MIYAZAWA VISIT: DISCUSSION OF NPT.

REF: TOKYO 4289 AND TOKYO 4507

1. ACCORDING TO FONOFF UN AFFAIRS BUR DEP DIR NODA, FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS NPT WITH SECRETARY IN BROAD TERMS, LEAVING DETAILS TO OTHER LEVELS. HE PLANS TO PROVIDE SECRETARY WITH LATEST PROGNOSIS FOR RATIFICATION OF NPT IN JAPAN AND TO DESCRIBE BRIEFLY GOJ PLANS FOR PARTICIPATION AT NPT REVCON IN MAY.

2. DURING PRESENTATION INTENDED AS BACKGROUND FOR MIYAZAWA'S DISCUSSION ON LATTER POINT, NODA SAID THAT JAPAN'S STATUS AT CONFERENCE WOULD BE AMBIVALENT, SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN FULL MEMBER AND OBSERVER. GOJ REALIZED IT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE AT CONFERENCE, BUT HOPED TO CIRCULATE PAPERS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE PARTICIPANTS.

3. JAPANESE DELEGATION AT REVCON, NODA CONTINUED, WILL PUSH FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT, PROMOTE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND SEEK TO STRENGTHEN SECURITY GUARANTEES FOR NNWS. EMPHASIS WILL BE ON LATTER POINT AND JAPAN PLANS TO TABLE WORKING DRAFT RESOLUTION, AS FOLLOWS:

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"THE REVIEW CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE TREATY

ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS,

AWARE THAT MANKIND WILL CONTINUE TO BE EXPOSED TO
THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR AND DESTRUCTION AS LONG AS THERE
EXIST NUCLEAR WEAPONS,

CONSCIOUS THAT ALL STATES, IN PARTICULAR NON-NUCLEAR-
WEAPON STATES, WILL FIND LASTING SECURITY ONLY THROUGH GENERAL
AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT BY WHICH ALL WEAPONS, BOTH NUCLEAR
AND NON-NUCLEAR, WILL EVENTUALLY BE ABOLISHED, AND THAT TO
THIS END A FIRST CONDITION IS THAT THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE
BE STOPPED,

WELCOMING POLICIES EXPRESSED BY CERTAIN NUCLEAR-
WEAPON STATES TO REMOVE THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR WAR AND OF THE
USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS,

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE IMPORTANCE OF
SAFEGUARDING THE SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADHERENCE TO THE TREATY ON THE NON-
PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS,

CONVINCED THAT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN
THE SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES WILL HELP REMOVE
THE CONCERN OF THEIR NATIONAL SECURITY, THEREBY ENSURING A
WIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREATY,

BEARING IN MIND THAT SUCH EFFORTS MUST BE PURSUED
UNCEASINGLY IN ALL APPROPRIATE BODIES AND FORUMS,

(1) DECLARES ITS FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE,
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND SOVEREIGNTY OF NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON
STATES;

(2) STRESSES THE HIGH RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL NUCLEAR-
WEAPON STATES TO STRENGTHEN THE SECURITY OF NON-NUCLEAR-
WEAPON STATES;

(3) URGES ALL STATES, IN PARTICULAR NUCLEAR-WEAPON
STATES TO REFRAIN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE
UNITED NATIONS, FROM THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE IN
LATIONS
BETWEEN STATES BY EMPLOYING NUCLEAR OR NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPONS;

(4) ENDORSES RESOLUTION 255 (1968) OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, WHICH, INTER ALIA, REFERS
TO A SITUATION WHERE ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES WOULD HAVE
TO ACT IMMEDIATELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE
UNITED NATIONS AGAINST AGGRESSION WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR
THE THREAT OF SUCH AGGRESSION AGAINST A NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON
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STATE."

4. DISARMAMENT DIV DIR KAZUHARA EXPLAINED THAT GOJ HAD
DEVELOPED WORKING RESOLUTION AFTER STUDY OF RELEVANT
DOCUMENTS ADOPTED IN PAST AND HAD NO PRIDE OF AUTHORSHIP.
PRINCIPLE PURPOSE OF DRAFT IS TO PROVIDE BASE FOR DEVELOPING
MODERATE CONSENSUS RESOLUTION THAT WILL RECEIVE UNANIMOUS
SUPPORT OF NWS AND NNWS ALIKE, DISPLACING OBJECTIONABLE

RESOLUTION OR PROTOCOL THAT NON-ALIGNED NATIONS WILL INEVITABLY PROPOSE. IN ADDITION, RESOLUTION WILL ASSIST GOJ DOMESTICALLY IN NPT RATIFICATION DEBATE, THOUGH TIHS POINT WILL NOT BE EMPHASIZED AT REVCON.

5. COMMENTING ON SPECIFIC POINTS IN DRAFT, KAZUHARA SAID PARAGRAPH ONE OF OPERATIVE PORTION IS AME WORDING AS RESOLUTION PASSED AT LAST SESSION OF DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. PARA TWO IS NEW, BUT NONCONTROVERSIAL. PARA THREE LOOKS AT FIRST LIKE NON-FIRST USE PLEDGE BUT IS ACTUALLY NOT. IT IS IN FACT A REAFFIRMATION OF UN CHARTER EXTENDED TO PROHIBIT EXPLICITLY THE USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. PARA FOUR ENDORSES UN RES 255 ONLY. ORIGINALLY, FONOFF INTENDED TO REAFFIRM RESOLUTION, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY CONCLUDED THAT ONLY THE UN COULD DO THAT.

6. COMMENT: MOST OF THE ABOVE WILL NOT BE SUBJECT OF DETAILED DISCUSSION BY FOREIGN MINISTER. WHAT GOJ APPEARS TO WANT ABOVE ALL IS STRONG EXPRESSION OF SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN RATIFICATION OF NPT.
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